

Application No. 09/898,857  
Amendment dated April 26, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of January 27, 2005

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### **REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

#### **Status of the Claims**

Claims 15, 17, 26, 28, 29, 31 and 47 are pending in this application. All of the pending claims are independent. Claims 31 and 47 are allowed. Claims 15, 17, 26, 28 and 29 are rejected. Claim 26 is objected to. By this amendment, claims 15, 17, 26, 28 and 29 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

#### **Objection**

Claim 26 has been objected to as lacking antecedent basis.

Claim 26 has been cancelled rendering the objection to this claim moot.

#### **Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 & 103**

In paragraph five (5) of the Office Action, claims 15 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,665,097 to Inagaki ("Inagaki").

In paragraph six (6) of the Office Action, claims 17, 28 and 29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Inagaki in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,424,433 to Miyauchi et al. ("Miyauchi"). Miyauchi is cited as disclosing a field angle manipulation unit.

As indicated above, claims 15, 17, 26, 28 and 29 have been cancelled rendering rejections directed to these claims moot.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

In paragraph seven (7) of the Office action, claims 31 and 47 have been allowed. The Examiner indicates that the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest "...wherein the image

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sensing system has a first memory that stores an adjustment amount used to correct a tilt of an optical axis of the image sensing optical system..., and a second memory that stores an adjustment amount used to correct a tilt of the image sensing element with respect to a reference line...” (claim 31) The Examiner further indicates that the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest “...a temperature sensor, wherein said memory stores an adjustment amount for each of a plurality of temperatures.” (claim 47)

As a result, Applicants note that the application includes only allowed claims (i.e., claims 31 and 47) and believe that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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